

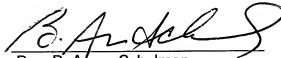
REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have now amended the claims in such a manner as to overcome all outstanding rejections and objections, and to place this case in condition for allowance. In particular, in the Final Rejection, the Examiner indicated that amendment of Claims 8, 10, and 14-15 to include the word "the" where appropriate would overcome the minor rejections to those claims. In addition, the Examiner considered Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 13 and 16-19 to be allowable, and the indication of allowability is acknowledged with appreciation. The only remaining rejected claim, Claim 6, has been canceled without prejudice in order to expedite an allowance of the present application.

Accordingly, by virtue of the present amendments, only claims considered allowable remain in the application, and an allowance of the application is appropriate.

In light of the foregoing arguments and amendments, Applicants thus submit that the present amendments will place this application in condition for immediate allowance, and thus entrance of the amendment and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. Should there be any additional requirements, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel to further expedite the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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